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## AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 4.3% IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15 — Airline passenger traffic was up 4.3 percent in April, compared with the same month a year earlier, and rose 8.4 percent during the first four months of 1986, the Air Transport Association reported today.

April marked the 26th month in a row of passenger traffic growth for the U.S. scheduled airlines.

April's domestic passenger traffic increased 6.2 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 8.7 percent. The load factor — percentage of seats filled — was 62.0 percent, compared with 63.4 percent in April of last year.

International passenger traffic in April declined 4.5 percent. Available seat miles increased by 19.7 percent. The load factor was 52.5 percent, down from 65.8 percent in April a year earlier.

During the first four months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 8.9 percent. Available seat miles increased by 9.1 percent. The load factor was 60.2 percent, almost the same as the 60.4 percent in April of last year.

The international passenger traffic of U.S. air carriers during the first four months rose 5.7 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 19.2 percent. The load factor was 56.5 percent, compared with 63.7 percent in the first four months of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1986 - 1985

| | | APRIL | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | YEAR | RPM'S (000) | ASM'S (000) | LOAD FACTOR (%) | RPM'S (000) | ASM'S (000) | LOAD FACTOR (%) |
| DOMESTIC | 86 | 21,940,792 | 35,392,633 | 62.0 | 84,338,890 | 140,002,970 | 60.2 |
| | 85 | 20,651,637 | 32,566,297 | 63.4 | 77,432,450 | 128,277,922 | 60.4 |
| PERCENT CHANGE | | 6.2 | 8.7 | | 8.9 | 9.1 | |
| INTERNATIONAL | 86 | 4,263,157 | 8,123,478 | 52.5 | 16,979,322 | 30,070,556 | 56.5 |
| | 85 | 4,462,398 | 6,784,567 | 65.8 | 16,056,334 | 25,225,851 | 63.7 |
| PERCENT CHANGE | | (4.5) | 19.7 | | 5.7 | 19.2 | |
| TOTAL | 86 | 26,203,949 | 43,516,111 | 60.2 | 101,318,212 | 170,073,526 | 59.6 |
| | 85 | 25,114,035 | 39,350,864 | 63.8 | 93,488,784 | 153,503,773 | 60.9 |
| PERCENT CHANGE | | 4.3 | 10.6 | | 8.4 | 10.8 | |

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.